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**Eastern Snake Plain Aquifer – Snake River Legislative Working Group  
Sets Meeting For April 22 In Burley**

(Boise, Idaho – April 16, 2004) - The Eastern Snake Plain Aquifer – Snake River Working Group of the Expanded Natural Resources Interim Committee will meet Thursday (April 22) in Burley, the Committee announced today.

The Working Group will meet from 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Burley City Hall, 1401 Overland Ave., in Burley. The meeting is open to the public.

At Thursday's meeting the Working Group will deal with initial organizational and work task issues. It will also review State commitments set down in the Eastern Snake Plain Aquifer Mitigation, Recovery and Restoration Agreement including Legislative commitments dealing with water rental issues, test wells, new employees for the Departments of Water Resources and Commerce plus information about grant programs.

The working group will also hear technical views of surface and ground water users relating to the Eastern Snake Plain Aquifer ground water supply. Ground Water Supply and Discussion. There will also be a lengthy discussion of recharge issues.

Twelve Idaho legislators make up the Treasure Valley Aquifer Working Group. They are: Sen. Laird Noh of Kimberly and Rep. Dell Raybould of Rexburg, co-chairmen; Rep. Jack Barraclough of Idaho Falls; Rep. Maxine Bell of Jerome; Sen. Don Burtenshaw of Terreton; Sen. Dean Cameron of Rupert; Sen. Brent Hill of Rexburg; Rep. Wendy Jaquet of Ketchum; Rep. Tim Ridinger of Shoshone; Sen. Clint Stennett of Ketchum; Sen. Stan Williams of Pingree; and Rep. JoAn Wood of Rigby.

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The Eastern Snake Plain Aquifer – Snake River Working Group is one of five working groups formed by the Idaho Legislature's Natural Resources Interim Committee to deal with water supply and management issues across the State.

If you have any questions, please call the Legislative Services Office at (208) 334-2475. Future notices, agendas and minutes will be posted on the Idaho Legislature's Internet page: <http://www2.state.id.us/legislat/legislat.html>.

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